

care about is if you've had too much to drink and you're not responsible, then, hopefully, you will refrain from getting behind your automobile and if you do decide to do that, then you will have to suffer the penalty that's involved in this particular piece of legislation. So I urge support of the return of this bill for further consideration. Thank you.

**SPEAKER WITHEM:** Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. The speakers seeking recognition now are Senators Kristensen, Crosby, Hall and Lindsay. Senator Kristensen.

**SENATOR KRISTENSEN:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, oh, if it was so simple, all we had to do was pass LB 80 and, you know, that would keep the person that went across the other lane on Senator Vrtiska, that would stop that, do a lot of things, make us feel real good because we could pat ourselves on the back and say, you know, we took drunk drivers off the road this year. That isn't going to happen. And I want to talk a little bit about what the committee did. I think the committee acted responsibly and I think the committee has taken a good, long look at this, but I also want to talk to you about what I believe that there's a lot of misinformation already this morning and probably you will catch it from both sides. Well, where does it fit into the priority of what we've done? You know, if you're looking at what the most important bill for drunk driving this year is, it's already passed. The most single effective bill to go after drunk drivers was LB 254, the Tingle bill that allowed law enforcement officers to enforce the law that we have on the books today. You go home and ask your police officers, is .08 going to help the drunk driving situation or is the Tingle decision and Tingle bill going to help? They won't even bat an eye on you. Now what happens here is that drunk driving legislation is there for a purpose and a good purpose. It's there for an intimidation. It's there to intimidate the people who drink too much from driving, because every other criminal law we have in the State of Nebraska punishes activities, for example, if you're going to assault someone. The actual drinking isn't the problem, it's the behavior that occurs after that, the person that's involved in the accident. It's too late to bring those people back. So what we try to do with drunk driving legislation is prevent that activity and intimidate those people from doing that activity and it is effective. It will not be 100 percent effective. You can pass a zero-zero law and you're not going to prevent people from being stupid and getting in a car and driving and killing